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CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 19, 2010

TO:

Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Board

FROM:

Shelly Schueller, Director

Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program

SUBJECT:

Great-West Retirement Services Contract Amendment Proposal

The Board is asked to approve an amendment, as described below, to the administrative services contract with Great-West Retirement Services (GWRS) for the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program (WDC).

Based on results of the 2009 administrative services contract compliance audit and discussion with GWRS and audit firm staff, Department staff recommends the Board approve an amendment to the administrative services contract. The amendment would make two small changes to "Standard Operating Procedure for Enrollment Processing" as follows:

- Clarify that GWRS is to establish participant accounts within five working days of receipt.
- 2. Indicate that GWRS is to transmit participant deferral information to the participant's employer on the next scheduled transmission date for that employer.

These proposed contract modifications would provide GWRS with clear operating procedure requirements that any future contract compliance audits could easily verify. The existing operating procedure does not take into account participant enrollment delays that could occur due to an employer's failure to take timely action. Consequently, in the 2009 contract compliance audit, the auditor and GWRS could not verify that GWRS met the requirement.

A draft contract amendment containing the proposed changes is attached to this memo for your consideration. If this recommendation is adopted, staff will finalize the contract amendment and GWRS and the Board Chair will sign it.

Staff will be available to discuss this recommendation with you on November 16, 2010.

Attachment

Board	Mtg Date	Item #
DC	11.16.10	10

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM ADMNISTRATIVE SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD AND GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

This Fifth Amendment to the State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program Agreement for Administrative Services Including Recordkeeping and Communications (hereinafter "THIRD AMENDMENT") made and entered into between the State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Board ("BOARD") and the Department of Employee Trust Funds ("DEPARTMENT") on behalf of the State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program ("PLAN") and Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company ("GREAT-WEST") pursuant to Article 2.8 of the Agreement for Administrative Services Including Recordkeeping and Communications ("AGREEMENT") to amend the AGREEMENT between the parties.

WHEREAS, the BOARD and GREAT-WEST desire to acknowledge that proper application of the IRS Section 457 rules and inaction by employers may result in delays in the establishment of participant accounts necessitates a clarification of expectations for GREAT-WEST'S compliance with the performance standard related to the Enrollment Processing requirement of Exhibit 12: WDC Standard Operating Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Effective with the execution of this AMENDMENT, the Standard Operating Procedure for Enrollment Processing shall be repealed and restated as follows:

2005 WDC RFP Citation	Requirement	Standard Operating Procedures
Section C.	Enrollment	Participant accounts will be established within five
Part 4.7	Processing	(5) working days upon receipt; deferral information
		will be transmitted to the employer on the next
		scheduled transmission date for the participant's
		employer.

2. Except for additional terms, conditions, and modifications contained in this FIFTH AMENDMENT, and any other modifications contained in this FIFTH AMENDMENT, all other terms of the AGREEMENT, including amendments thereto remain unchanged and shall continue to apply with respect to the AGREEMENT.

	EREOF, THE BOARD, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF GREAT-WEST HAVE EXECUTED TWO (2) ORIGINALS OF
	DMENT EFFECTIVE THE DAY OF, 2010.
State of Wisconsin	Deferred Compensation Board
Name:	Edward D. Main
Title:	Deferred Compensation Board Chair
Signature:	Date:
Witnessed by	
Name:	
Title:	
Signature:	Date:
Great-West Life &	Annuity Insurance Company
Name:	Gregory E. Seller
Title:	Senior Vice President, Government Markets
Signature:	Date:
Witnessed by	
Name:	
Title:	
Signature:	Date: